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CAPITAL HILL PARK

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Location: 900 E. Oklahoma, Guthrie, Logan County, Oklahoma
Lat: 35.87903 Long: -97.41243

Significance: Before the state capitol of Oklahoma was relocated in Oklahoma City in 1910, it was based in Guthrie, Oklahoma on a 10 acre site that was laid out in 1909. After the move, the site was acquired by a Methodist University in 1911 and then the Scottish Rite in 1919. Today the site is home to the Scottish Rite Temple, which is in the Neoclassical Revival Style. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

History: The 10 acre site, which included a convention and legislative hall, was originally intended to house the state capitol building and other legislative buildings, but in 1910 the state capitol moved to Oklahoma City. The City of Guthrie sold the site to a Methodist university in 1911. In 1919, the Guthrie Scottish Rite purchased the site and in 1924 began building the Scottish Rite Temple where the state capitol building was to be originally constructed. The architecture firm Hawk and Parr provided plans for the renovation of the convention hall and designed the temple. The convention hall is a two story brick structure while the temple is constructed mostly of concrete and Indiana limestone. Also in 1924, the Kansas City, Missouri landscape architecture firm Hare and Hare was hired to design a planting plan for the property, which proposed planting 171 trees, 5200 evergreens, and 388 perennials.

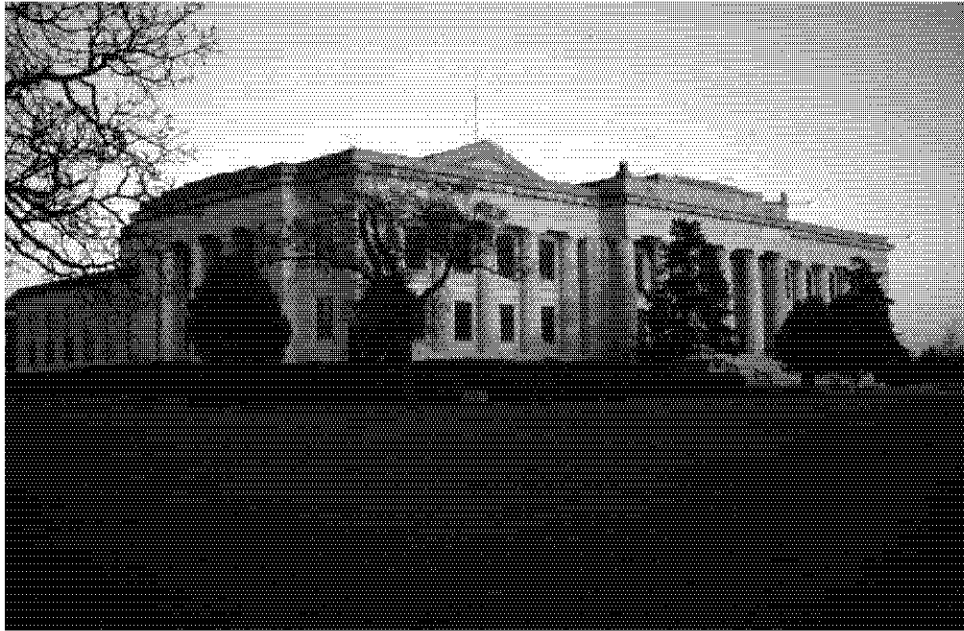
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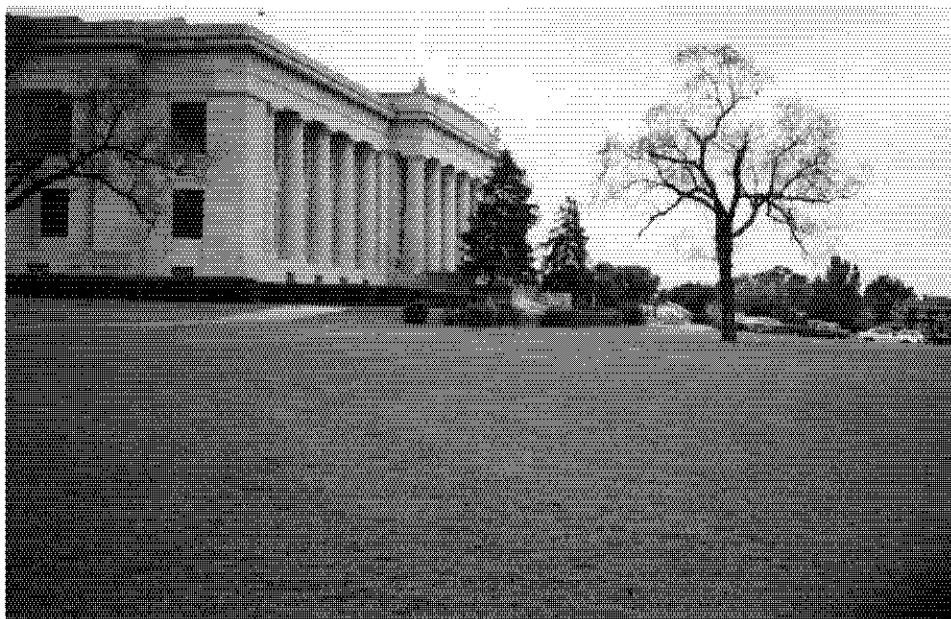
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Front view (National Register Properties in Oklahoma website:
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Front view looking South (Steve Eilers, 2009).